

76-8-508.5. Tampering with juror -- Retaliation against juror -- Penalty.

(1) As used in this section "juror" means a person:

- (a) summoned for jury duty; or
- (b) serving as or having served as a juror or alternate juror in any court or as a juror on any grand jury of the state.

(2) A person is guilty of tampering with a juror if he attempts to or actually influences a juror in the discharge of the juror's service by:

(a) communicating with the juror by any means, directly or indirectly, except for attorneys in lawful discharge of their duties in open court;

(b) offering, conferring, or agreeing to confer any benefit upon the juror; or

(c) communicating to the juror a threat that a reasonable person would believe to be a threat to injure:

(i) the juror's person or property; or

(ii) the person or property of any other person in whose welfare the juror is interested.

(3) A person is guilty of tampering with a juror if he commits any unlawful act in retaliation for anything done by the juror in the discharge of the juror's service:

(a) to the juror's person or property; or

(b) to the person or property of any other person in whose welfare the juror is interested.

(4) Tampering with a juror is a third degree felony.

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